



CITY OF SAN MARINO

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

Goat grazing assists with weed management

From September 18 through 22, 85 goats were utilized to clean up natural debris at the median on Old Mill. The cleanup provided much needed relief to City crews while saving the community a substantial amount in maintenance costs – \$11,000.

On Friday, September 20, residents were encouraged to come out and pet the goats.

Goat grazing for weed man-



agement has become an environmentally friendly alternative to the traditional methods of chemicals and power tools. ■

Circle Drive Bridge work to commence

In July 2012, the City Council authorized staff to move forward with an agreement with L.A. County Department of Public Works for the reconstruction of Circle Drive Bridge. The bridge is more than 100 years old. The City and County submitted an application for federal funds to reconstruct the bridge.

Construction is expected to commence in the Spring of 2014 and continue for eight months.

Planning for a community workshop on bridge construction, mitigation and traffic detours is currently underway and will be announced soon. For more information, call (626) 300-0700. ■

Bike improvements proposed

In 2012, the City obtained a Safe Routes to School grant to promote walking and biking to school. In 2011, the City was awarded a Federal State Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grant, which will construct three enhanced crossings on Huntington Drive at Chelsea Road, Ridgeway Road and Kenilworth Avenue.

In response to SRTS, and after conducting a study session this past July, the City Council has directed installation of bike lanes on Del Mar Avenue. Engineering and striping for this



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Preschool programs offered

The Recreation Department is proud to offer a variety of preschool programs to best fit your child's needs. Your child can begin his or her preschool adventure with a Parent and Me class or join one of our independent classes for children ages 2 through 5. Each class is taught by trained, caring and enthusiastic staff.

A Fantastic Four's and Five's preschool program is also offered at Carver Elementary. The Four's and Five's program includes letter, shape and number reinforcement; D'nealian handwriting instruction; positive social interaction; field trips; integrated arts; and outside play with Carver Special Day Preschool.

For more information about preschool programs or to schedule a tour, call (626) 403-2200. ■

Centennial bricks still available

Centennial bricks are still available for purchase. The personalized engraved bricks will be installed in the San Marino Centennial Fountain, which was constructed to commemorate the City's Centennial Celebration. Each brick costs \$200 and a limited number are available.

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City seeks veterans for VIP project

The City of San Marino has embarked on a VIP Veteran Identification Project in search of all veterans of the U.S. military with ties to the community. A VIP open house will be held on Sunday, November 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Thurnher House in Lacy Park. Veterans will be asked to fill out a brief information sheet; pose for a photograph; and give a brief, videotaped oral history

of their military service. To reserve a half-hour time slot, contact Marypat Peña at (818) 954-7807.

The project will culminate with an all-veteran photograph at the Lacy Park War Memorial on Monday, November 11 at 9 a.m.

Transportation is available by contacting Peña at the number above. Veterans are encouraged to wear or bring uniforms or headwear from their branch of service. ■

Bike improvements proposed

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project will occur soon.

Consideration of bike lanes on Lorain Road will be discussed at an October City Council meeting.

The City Council also has directed staff to seek proposals for the completion of a bike and pedestrian improvement plan to evaluate areas citywide. ■

GREEN CORNER

Compost Giveaway

Athens Services will hold a free compost giveaway on Saturday, October 19 from 9 a.m. to noon at Lacy Park (west side parking lot off of St. Albans Road). Residents who would like to pick up some compost to fertilize their yards and gardens should bring their own containers and tools such as a shovel or pitch fork. A 30-gallon limit will be observed during the first hour. After 10 a.m. there is no limit to the amount of compost a person may take while supplies last. If weather calls for rain, the event will be rescheduled.

Save Water and Money with Rebates

The Metropolitan Water District is offering rebates to both residential and business owners who help California save water. Rebates for water efficient fixtures and equipment are available for single and multi-family residences, businesses, industry, institutions and large landscapes.



Funding is limited and rebates are issued on a first-come, first served basis until funding is exhausted. More information on rebates can be found at bewaterwise.com and socalwatersmart.com or by calling Ron Serven at (626) 300-0789 or Jasmin Elepano at (626) 300-0781.

Why Is My Tree Dropping Limbs?

Tree branches suddenly falling for no apparent reason is often referred to as Summer Branch Drop or Sudden Limb Drop. Although this phenomenon has no real scientific explanation, arborists believe it could be caused by water stress. On a hot day, tree limbs maximize the amount of water they hold in order to conserve water. This causes the branches to get very heavy and to possibly break. Susceptible trees include Liquidambar, Magnolia, Silver Maple, Valley Oak, Blue Oak and Sycamore.

Other possible factors or contributors to Sudden Limb Drop include lack of wind, temperatures exceeding 70 degrees, dry periods preceded by rain, decay, over maturity, a gap in canopy, heavy end weight on a limb, co-dominant stems and topped trees.

Palm Pruning 101

City-owned palm trees are scheduled to be pruned in October before the arrival of Santa Ana winds.

When pruning palm trees, generally only dead fronds should be removed, with the removal of live fronds limited to those that are broken or severely chlorotic. Fronds should be removed carefully to avoid damage to living tissue. This practice helps to avoid transmitting disease-causing organisms that may eventually kill certain varieties of palm trees.

The varieties most susceptible to the potential damaging Fusarium wilt and Diamond Scale outbreaks are the Canary Island date palm and the California fan palm. The majestic Mexican fan palms that grow over 100 feet tall have not been affected by these two diseases and may be pruned more aggressively.

To submit a comment about the "Green Corner," please contact Environmental Services Manager Ron Serven at (626) 300-0789 or rserven@cityofsanmarino.org. ■

LIBRARY NEWS

Delicious Destinations 2013

This year we bring the South Pacific to San Marino. Join us on Saturday, October 19 at 6 p.m. at the library for an exciting night of food, music and an auction to support the Crowell Public Library. Tickets are \$125 and can be purchased at the library or online at deliciousdestinations.org.

Bilingual Chinese and English Storytime



Crowell Public Library is proud to present an interactive storytime for speakers of Mandarin Chinese, English or both. Stories, songs and finger-plays will be conducted in both languages. All ages are welcome, but the program is specifically designed for ages 3 to 5. Story-times will be held on Saturday, October 19 and 26; November 9, 16 and 23; and December 7 and 14 at 11 a.m. Registration is not required.

Opera Talk: Verdi's "Falstaff"

A representative from Los Angeles Opera will share history and commentary on Giuseppe Verdi and his famous comic opera "Falstaff" on Sunday, October 20 at 2 p.m. Recorded musical excerpts and possible video clips will be featured in this one-hour introduction to the opera.

Relax and Feel Better with Hypnosis



The Mayo Clinic writes that hypnosis "can be effective in helping people cope with pain, stress and anxiety. It may also be effective as part of a

comprehensive program for quitting smoking or losing weight." Hypnosis can help with relaxation, and many hypnotists claim that one hour of hypnotherapy can equal four hours of sleep. Learn about hypnosis with Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist Janell Carl-Jorda on Monday, October 21 at 7 p.m. Jorda studied at the California Academy of the Healing Arts and led the Laughter Yoga workshop at the library in 2011.

Barks and Books



Elementary school children are invited to the library on Tuesday, October 22, November 26 and December 17 at 3 p.m. to practice their reading skills by reading to Spencer, a gentle Basset Hound. This special program is made possible by volunteers of the Pasadena Humane Society. Registration is not required.

Tween Halloween

Tweens in grades 3 through 5 are invited to join us for an afternoon filled with spooky stories, Halloween games and some ghoulishly sweet treats on Thursday, October 24 at 3:15 p.m. Don't forget to wear your costume for the costume contest!

Joyful Living/Happy Life Parenting Forum



Everyone encounters daily challenges that can result in either positive or negative stress. Coping with them gracefully, calmly and intelligently is the ultimate goal of this series that returns to the Crowell Public Library beginning Sunday, October 27 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The workshops will offer tools to face the challenges of parenting, gaining prosperity and understanding the customs and traditions in a new land. This workshop is presented in Mandarin.

"The Lesser Known Early Contributors to San Marino's History"

On Monday, October 28 at 7 p.m., the San Marino Historical Society presents local historian Jennifer Goldman, who will discuss some of San Marino's more obscure founders.

Teen Food Fear Factor

Food Fear Factor is back by popular demand with different recipes on Tuesday, October 29 at 3:15 p.m. Try some shriveled mummies, brain cupcakes and severed fingers. Come with a big appetite and a strong stomach.

Teen Games Day: Werewolf!

Are you a peaceful villager or a werewolf on the prowl? In celebration of International Games Day at the library, teens entering grades 7 through 12 will guess who's who in this dynamic group activity on Tuesday, November 12 at 3:15 p.m. No experience is necessary and registration is not required.

Opera Talk: Mozart's "Magic Flute"



A representative from Los Angeles Opera will share history and commentary on Amadeus Mozart and his opera "Magic Flute" on Sunday, November 17 at 2 p.m. in the Barth Community Room. Recorded musical excerpts and possible video clips will be featured in this one-hour presentation.

The Arty Loon Show



This is not just another magician! Join us on Saturday, November 23 at 2 p.m. for an afternoon of balloons, magic, juggling and puppetry with the hilarious Arty Loon. ■

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Don't miss historic and festive November and December senior trips

Seniors are encouraged to sign up now for the following excursions planned for November and December.

Masters of Their Craft: Grabber Olive House

On Thursday, November 14, discover some of the masters of their craft with a visit to the Maloof Residence and Discovery Garden. This is the legacy of master woodworker Sam Maloof and his late wife of 50 years, Alfreda. The couple opened their home to artists, woodworkers, U.S. presidents and famous people from all walks of life.

After a walk through the Discovery Garden and a visit to the bookstore, lunch will be at Antonino's Ristorante Italiano.

After lunch, it's off to the Grabber Olive House where participants will tour the processing plant at Grabbers, a historic ranch that has been producing olives since 1894.

The cost of the excursion is \$51 per person. The bus will leave at 9 a.m. from the Recreation Department at 1560 Pasqualito Drive and

will return at approximately 5 p.m. Reservations must be made by Thursday, October 24.

Huntington Harbour Cruise of Lights

Light up the holidays with an evening cruise through Huntington Harbour on Thursday, December 19. The fun begins with dinner at Claim Jumper, where participants will enjoy hearty portions in a comfortable atmosphere.

After dinner, it's off to Huntington Harbour for the 51st Annual Cruise of Lights, where residents spend weeks decorating their homes, docks, decks and boats with twinkling lights and festive displays for all to see as they cruise by. The narrated cruise lasts 50 to 60 minutes and the boat offers both inside and outside seating.

The cost of the excursion is \$56 per person. The bus will leave at 3:30 p.m. from the Recreation Department at 1560 Pasqualito Drive and will return at approximately 8:30 p.m. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, November 19.

For more information, call the Recreation Department at (626) 403-2200. ■

Centennial bricks still available

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The San Marino Centennial Fountain was dedicated to members of the San Marino community on April 25, 2013. The fountain was designed by Lenkin Designs in Pasadena and features the City's logo sculpted in limestone by a European artist and hand-painted floor tiles or emblems representing the community's various organizations.

To purchase an engraved Centennial brick, call the Recreation Department at (626) 403-2200 or go to cityofsanmarino.org/centennial to access an order form. ■

If you have a comment, question or idea for the newsletter, please email Community Services Director Sue Cobb at sacobb@cityofsanmarino.org.